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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 17 September 2008.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,5-9,12-14 and 22-26.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Applicant's Representative (Donna Jo Conningsby, Reg No. 41,684) on 11/25/2008.

3. The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claims:

Please AMEND claim 1 as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A method for starting a group of enterprise servers belonging to a cluster of enterprise servers, the method comprising:

registering modifications to configuration data in a hierarchical data object, the configuration data defining a cluster of enterprise servers, the cluster having a plurality of groups of enterprise servers and a central database accessible to the plurality of groups of enterprise servers, the configuration data in the hierarchical data object stored within the central database, and wherein the hierarchical data object comprises a cluster data object at the root of the hierarchical data object, the cluster data object including:

a global settings object containing global configuration data associated with all enterprise servers in the plurality of groups of enterprise servers in the cluster, and
an instance settings object containing server-specific configuration data associated with a specific enterprise server in a group in the plurality of groups of enterprise servers in the cluster, the server-specific configuration data including server layout information uniquely identifying each specific enterprise server in the group and/or parameters associated with each specific enterprise server in the group.

receiving, a notification that modifications to the configuration data have been registered;
comparing binaries configuration data stored within a local file system of each enterprise server with the modified configuration data in the hierarchical data object stored within the central database to identify any binaries and/or configuration settings in the configuration data stored within the local file system which are out-of-date as compared to the binaries and/or configuration settings in the modified configuration data in the hierarchical data object related to the cluster and stored within the central database;

if the binaries and/or configuration settings in the configuration data stored within the local file system are out-of-date as compared to the binaries and/or configuration settings in the modified configuration data in the hierarchical data object related to the cluster and stored within the central database, then updating the binaries and/or configuration settings in the configuration data stored within the local file system from the binaries and/or configuration settings in the modified configuration data in the hierarchical data object related to the cluster and stored within the central database prior to starting each enterprise server in a group of enterprise servers; and

starting each enterprise server in the group of enterprise servers using the updated binaries and/or configuration settings in the configuration data stored within the local file system.

Please AMEND claim 2 as follows:

2. (Currently amended) The method as in claim 1, ~~wherein the hierarchical data object comprises cluster data object at the root of the hierarchical data object, the cluster data object including:~~

~~a global settings object containing global configuration data associated with all enterprise servers in the plurality of groups of enterprise servers in the cluster, and~~

~~an instance settings object containing server-specific configuration data associated with a specific enterprise server in a group in the plurality of groups of enterprise servers in the cluster, the server-specific configuration data including server layout information uniquely identifying each specific enterprise server in the group and/or parameters associated with each specific enterprise server in the group,~~

the method further comprising:

initiating a boot process for a group of enterprise servers to be started based on bootstrap binaries and parameters contained in the global settings object; and

generating a list of servers within the group to be started based on the server layout information contained in the instance settings object.

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Please AMEND claim 8 as follows:

8. (Currently amended) A system for starting a group of enterprise servers belonging to a cluster of enterprise servers, the system comprising:

a central database for storing a hierarchical data object, the hierarchical data object including binaries and configuration settings associated with a group of enterprise servers belonging to a cluster of enterprise servers, and wherein the hierarchical data object comprises a cluster data object at the root of the hierarchical data object, the cluster data object including:

a global settings object containing global configuration data associated with all enterprise servers in the plurality of groups of enterprise servers in the cluster, and

an instance settings object containing server-specific configuration data associated with a specific enterprise server in a group in the plurality of groups of enterprise servers in the cluster, the server-specific configuration data including server layout information uniquely identifying each specific enterprise server in the group and/or parameters associated with each specific enterprise server in the group.

receiving logic to receive a notification that the binaries and configuration settings associated with the group of enterprise servers belonging to the cluster of enterprise servers as stored within the central database in the hierarchical data object have been modified;

bootstrap logic to compare binaries and/or configuration settings stored within a local file system of each enterprise server with the modified binaries and/or configuration settings stored within the central database in the hierarchical data object to identify any binaries and/or configuration settings stored within the local file system which are out-of-date,

wherein if the binaries and/or configuration settings stored within the local file system are out-of-date, then the bootstrap logic updates the binaries and/or configuration settings stored within the local file system from the modified binaries and/or configuration settings stored within the central database in the hierarchical data object prior to starting each enterprise server; and

startup and control logic to start each enterprise server in the group of enterprise servers using the updated binaries and/or configuration settings stored within the local file system.

Please AMEND claim 9 as follows:

9.(Currently amended) The system as in claim 8, ~~wherein the hierarchical data object stored in the central database comprises a cluster data object at the root of the hierarchical data object, the cluster data object including:~~

~~a global settings object containing global configuration data associated with all enterprise servers in the plurality of groups of enterprise servers in the cluster, and~~

~~an instance settings object containing server specific configuration data associated with a specific enterprise server in a group in the plurality of groups of enterprise servers in the cluster, the server specific configuration data including server layout information uniquely identifying each specific enterprise server in the group and/or parameters associated with each specific enterprise server in the group,~~

~~and further~~ wherein said bootstrap logic comprises group bootstrap logic and node-specific bootstrap logic, the system further comprising:

group bootstrap logic to generate a list of enterprise servers within the group of enterprise servers to be started based on the server layout information retrieved from the instance settings object in the hierarchical data object in the central database.

Please AMEND claim 22 as follows:

22. (New) An article of manufacture for starting a group of enterprise servers belonging to a cluster of enterprise servers, comprising:

a machine-readable medium on which is stored a plurality of machine-executable instructions which, when executed, perform a method comprising:

registering modifications to configuration data in a hierarchical data object, the configuration data defining a cluster of enterprise servers, the cluster having a plurality of groups of enterprise servers and a central database accessible to the plurality of groups of enterprise servers, the configuration data in the hierarchical data object stored within the central database; ~~and~~
and wherein the hierarchical data object comprises a cluster data object at the root of the hierarchical data object, the cluster data object including:

a global settings object containing global configuration data associated with all enterprise servers in the plurality of groups of enterprise servers in the cluster, and

an instance settings object containing server-specific configuration data associated with a specific enterprise server in a group in the plurality of groups of enterprise servers in the cluster, the server-specific configuration data including server layout information uniquely

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identifying each specific enterprise server in the group and/or parameters associated with each specific enterprise server in the group;

receiving a notification that modifications to the configuration data have been registered;

comparing configuration data stored within a local file system of each enterprise server with the modified configuration data in the hierarchical data object stored within the central database to identify any binaries and/or configuration settings in the configuration data stored within the local file system which are out-of-date as compared to the binaries and/or configuration settings in the modified configuration data in the hierarchical data object related to the cluster and stored within the central database;

if the binaries and/or configuration settings in the configuration data stored within the local file system are out-of-date as compared to the binaries and/or configuration settings in the modified configuration data in the hierarchical data object related to the cluster and stored within the central database, then, prior to starting each enterprise server in a group of enterprise servers, updating the binaries and/or configuration settings in the configuration data stored within the local file system from the binaries and/or configuration settings in the modified configuration data in the hierarchical data object related to the cluster and stored within the central database; and

starting each enterprise server in the group of enterprise servers using the updated binaries and/or configuration settings in the configuration data stored within the local file system.

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Please AMEND claim 23 as follows:

23. (New) The article of manufacture as in claim 22, ~~wherein the hierarchical data object comprises a cluster data object at a root of the hierarchical data object, the cluster data object including:~~

~~a global settings object containing global configuration data associated with all enterprise servers in the plurality of groups of enterprise servers in the cluster, and~~

~~an instance settings object containing server specific configuration data associated with a specific enterprise server in a group in the plurality of groups of enterprise servers in the cluster, the server specific configuration data including server layout information uniquely identifying each specific enterprise server in the group and/or parameters associated with each specific enterprise server in the group, and~~

~~wherein the method performed further comprises:~~

~~initiating a boot process for a group of enterprise servers to be started based on bootstrap binaries and parameters contained in the global settings object; and~~

~~generating a list of servers within the group to be started based on the server layout information contained in the instance settings object.~~

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Original Claims 1-2, 5-9, 12-14, and 22-26 are renumbered 1-15 respectively. Original Claims 3-4, 10-11, and 15-21 are cancelled.

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The Office has deemed Applicant's latest arguments claim amendments and corresponding remarks persuasive to overcome the rejection under the prior art references with respect to the following amended claim features:

1. (Currently amended) A method for starting a group of enterprise servers belonging to a cluster of enterprise servers, the method comprising:

registering modifications to configuration data in a hierarchical data object, the configuration data defining a cluster of enterprise servers, the cluster having a plurality of groups of enterprise servers and a central database accessible to the plurality of groups of enterprise servers, the configuration data in the hierarchical data object stored within the central database, and wherein the hierarchical data object comprises a cluster data object at the root of the hierarchical data object, the cluster data object including:

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receiving, a notification that modifications to the configuration data have been registered;
comparing binaries configuration data stored within a local file system of each enterprise server with the modified configuration data in the hierarchical data object stored within the central database to identify any binaries and/or configuration settings in the configuration data stored within the local file system which are out-of-date as compared to the binaries and/or configuration settings in the modified configuration data in the hierarchical data object related to the cluster and stored within the central database;

if the binaries and/or configuration settings in the configuration data stored within the local file system are out-of-date as compared to the binaries and/or configuration settings in the modified configuration data in the hierarchical data object related to the cluster and stored within the central database, then updating the binaries and/or configuration settings in the configuration data stored within the local file system from the binaries and/or configuration settings in the modified configuration data in the hierarchical data object related to the cluster and stored within the central database prior to starting each enterprise server in a group of enterprise servers; and

starting each enterprise server in the group of enterprise servers using the updated binaries and/or configuration settings in the configuration data stored within the local file system.

Specifically, Applicants remarks that none of the cited art teaches or discloses “a method for starting a group of enterprise servers belonging to a cluster of enterprise servers, the method comprising: registering modifications to configuration data in a hierarchical data object, the configuration data defining a cluster of enterprise servers, the cluster having a plurality of groups of enterprise servers and a central database accessible to the plurality of groups of enterprise servers, the configuration data in the hierarchical data object stored within the central database, and wherein the hierarchical data object comprises a cluster data object at the root of the hierarchical data object, the cluster data object including:

a global settings object containing global configuration data associated with all enterprise servers in the plurality of groups of enterprise servers in the cluster, and

an instance settings object containing server-specific configuration data associated with a specific enterprise server in a group in the plurality of groups of enterprise servers in the cluster, the server-specific configuration data including server layout information uniquely identifying each specific enterprise server in the group and/or parameters associated with each specific enterprise server in the group”, as recited by amended claim 1, is found to be persuasive.

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6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Glenford Madamba whose telephone number is 571-272- 7989. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:00AM-4: 30PM, first Fridays OFF.

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